

## HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Meeting Report

September 3, 2008

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Cohen, Colombe, Jackson, Janke, Lavelle, Peak, Thacker  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Deputy City Attorney Rosa Tsongtaarii, Historic Preservation Officer Sally Notthoff Zarnowitz, Environmental Principal Planner Akoni Daniels, Historic Preservation Planner Lori Moniz, Historic Preservation Planner Hadasa Lev

### 1. DEFERRALS

None

### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Historic Landmark Designations/Historical Property Contracts

- a. The applications being considered are for the L. D. Bohnett House on a 0.25-acre site located at the easterly side of Plaza Drive, approximately 160 feet southerly of Palm Haven Avenue (940 Plaza Drive). Joan E. Bohnett, property owner. Council District 6. SNI: None. CEQA: Exempt. *Project Manager, Lori Moniz*
  - 1) **HL08-171**. Historical Landmark Nomination for the subject property as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest, or value of a historic nature

### RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (7-0-0)

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<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/hearings/>

- 2) **MA08-003.** Historical Property Contract (California Mills Act) between the City of San Jose and the owners of the subject property. The proposed contract, which is available to owners of designated City Landmark buildings, would facilitate a property tax reassessment and partial tax relief in return for a binding agreement to rehabilitate and maintain the historical and architectural character of the property for at least a ten-year period

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (7-0-0)**

**4. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES**

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

**Historic Resources Inventory Maintenance**

- a. Owner initiated addition of the commercial building and associated free standing sign located at **3430 Stevens Creek Boulevard** to the City of San José Historic Resources Inventory. Owner: M & F Property Investors. Council District: 1. SNI: None. CEQA: Not a project. *Project Manager, Bill Roth.*

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (7-0-0)**

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- b. Proposed Demolition of Historic Resources in the San José Ballpark Diridon/Arena Area related to the West San Fernando/South Montgomery (Interim) Parking Lot Improvements Project. *Bill Ekern, San José Redevelopment Agency*

**The Commission memorandum provided information and summarized Commission comments from the June HLC meeting.**

**The Commission: opposed demolition of the buildings (eliminating possibility of re-use of the previously occupied buildings) until a specific development project is proposed, commented on the historic architecture of the Mission Revival Apartment and Hellwig Ironworks buildings, and commented on the importance of maintaining the historic context of buildings.**

**The Commission authorized Janke and Jackson to draft and Janke to sign a letter to the Agency Board addressing Commission concerns.**

**5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## 6. GOOD AND WELFARE

### a. Report from Secretary, Planning Commission, and City Council/Agency Board

- (1) Del Monte Plant No. 3 Educational Exhibit
- (2) HL07-170 Former MLK Main Library City Council Hearing on August 26, 2008  
City Council declined to designate (9-0-2, Campos, Constant absent).
- (3) City Council Study Session Re: Urban Conservation/Preservation Major Strategy  
**Scheduled for October 23, 2008**
- (4) Recent Past Resource Guide Distribution
- (5) Housing Element Flyer
- (6) Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan
- (7) HLC Letter Distribution

### b. Commissioners' Report from Committees:

- (1) Design Review Subcommittee (Janke, Colombe and Cohen, Peak alternate)  
No Report
- (2) History San José Collections Committee (Vacant)

#### a. Select Member

**Commissioner Jackson selected**

#### b. [Collection Management Policy](#)

Committee meets generally at History San José on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every 3<sup>rd</sup> month at 12 noon, on a rotating basis to accommodate members' schedules. The next scheduled meeting is November 13, 2008 at 12 noon.  
*Jennifer McCann, History San José Registrar,*  
*[jmccann@historysanjose.org](mailto:jmccann@historysanjose.org)*

- (3) Japantown Survey Committee (Lavelle)  
Historic Context and Intensive Survey Acceptance  
*No Report*

(4) **GP Update Task Force Progress Report** (Colombe and Thacker)

Commissioner Summary of General Plan 2020 Passages that address Historic Resources or might appropriately address Historic Resources.

HLC to review and discuss priority on Commission workplan.

**Commissioners to provide individual comments to be discussed during the October 1, 2008 HLC Hearing.**

(5) **Commission Bylaw Preparation and Presentation**

HLC to discuss priority on Commission workplan and consider selection of one or two Commissioners to prepare HLC Bylaws in collaboration with the CAO for presentation at Winter HLC Retreat.

**Commissioners Peak and Lavelle will work with Deputy City Attorney Rosa Tsongtaatarii to prepare draft HLC Bylaws to present to the full Commission.**

c. **Review of 08/06/08 HLC Minutes**

d. **Status of Circulation of Environmental Review Documents**  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/>

e. **2008 - 2009 Fiscal Year Study Session Dates and Topics**

(1) February 6<sup>th</sup> – Planning Department Website Re-design

(2) March 5<sup>th</sup> – CEQA: How to Review an EIR

(3) April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Preservation in San José's Future

(4) June 4<sup>th</sup> – HLC Workplan Discussion

(5) Friday, February 6, 2009 HLC Retreat

**ADJOURNMENT**